

B-3028 - B-3035  
740-720 Light St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1860-1884

This group of three story high, two bay wide brick buildings with shed roofs and Italianate-style bracketed cornices was built by several different builders in the early 1860's and in the 1880's (734-740 Light St.) The 1860's houses at the northern end of the block were built to serve a combined residential/commercial function and the original storefronts are still intact at 720-722, 724, and 726 Light St. 734-740 Light St. were built as residences but 740 has most recently served as a local bar/restaurant. The houses are currently unoccupied, but have recently been sold by the city to private owners and are awaiting renovation and rehabilitation.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

740 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
—STRUCTURE  
—SITE  
—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
—PRIVATE  
—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS  
—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

—OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
—WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
—YES: RESTRICTED  
—YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM  
—COMMERCIAL —PARK  
—EDUCATIONAL —PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS  
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC  
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION  
—MILITARY ☒ OTHER: restoration  
contemplated

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE 21202 zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland STATE 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story, two bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice was built as part of a row of such buildings extending along this side of Light St. in the early 1880's. The first floor area of the house was later converted into a restaurant.

The house is three stories in height, 14' wide, and occupies a lot 72' deep. The house is located on the north-west corner of Light and Montgomery Streets and extends back along Montgomery St. for nine bays, to the end of the lot. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof is capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a crown molding set above a row of dentils and a molding strip. Four grooved brackets (one around the corner on the Montgomery St. facade) support the cornice and connect it to a lower molding strip, thus forming a brick freize area. Along the Montgomery St. facade of the building there is a simple brick dentiled cornice. There are no extant roof chimneys.

The second and third floor window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with scroll-sawed tympanums. The sills are wood. The Montgomery St. facade windows have splayed brick lintels and wood sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor area of the house has been converted into a store-front, which most recently served as a restaurant. Although the store-front facade is now plastered over, it appears as though the door was centrally located under the south-east corner of the building, set diagonally to the corner and flanked by two, two-sided plate glass shop windows set on sheet metal bases. A grooved sheet metal "cornice" extends across the top of both sides of the store-front. The entrance is reached by a single wide stone step.

The entire first floor area of the house is now a single long room, but originally the floor plan of the house was the same as that of the adjoining houses at 734-738 Light St. See under 734 Light St. for details.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Bernard Harig and Thomas Hughes

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

See under 734 Light St. Although now remodeled as a combination store-front/residence, this building was once a three story residence like its neighbors, 734-738 Light St. The building is currently being offered for sale by the City to private owners and may be renovated as a commercial/residential structure.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust . Struever Bros. &amp; Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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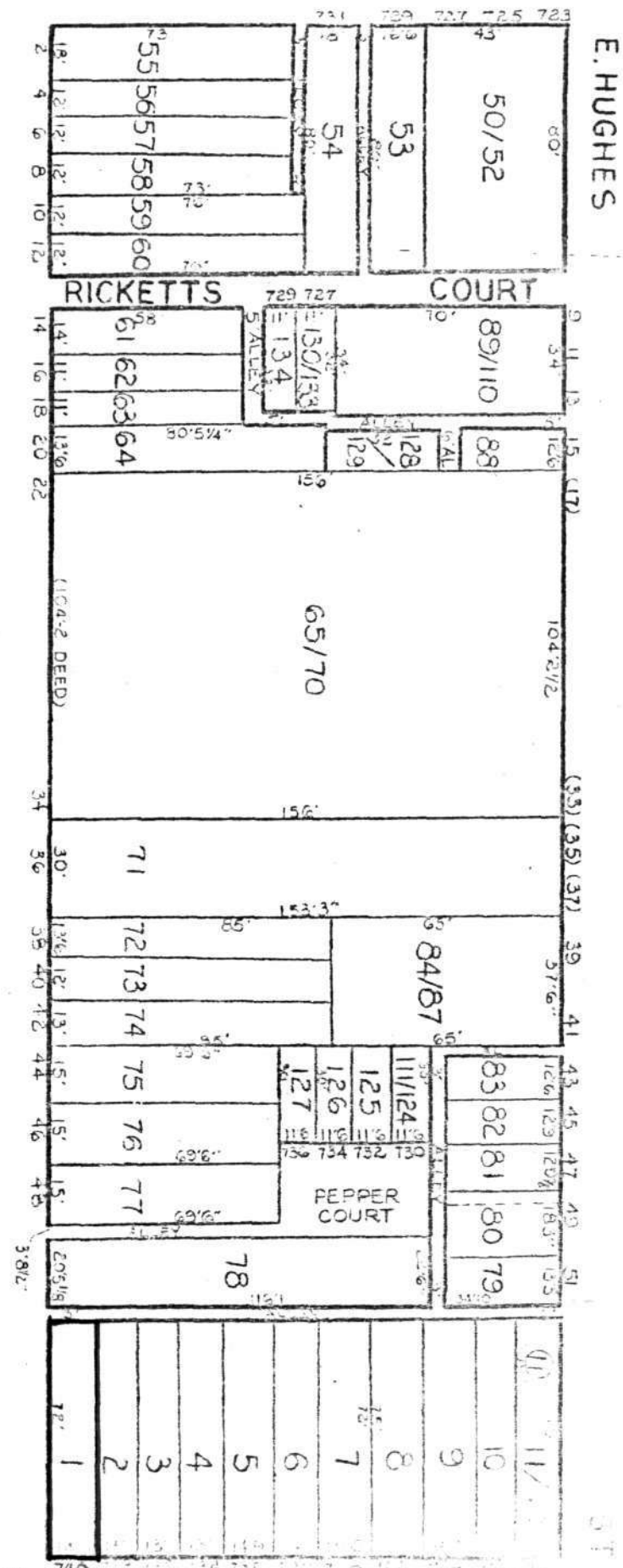
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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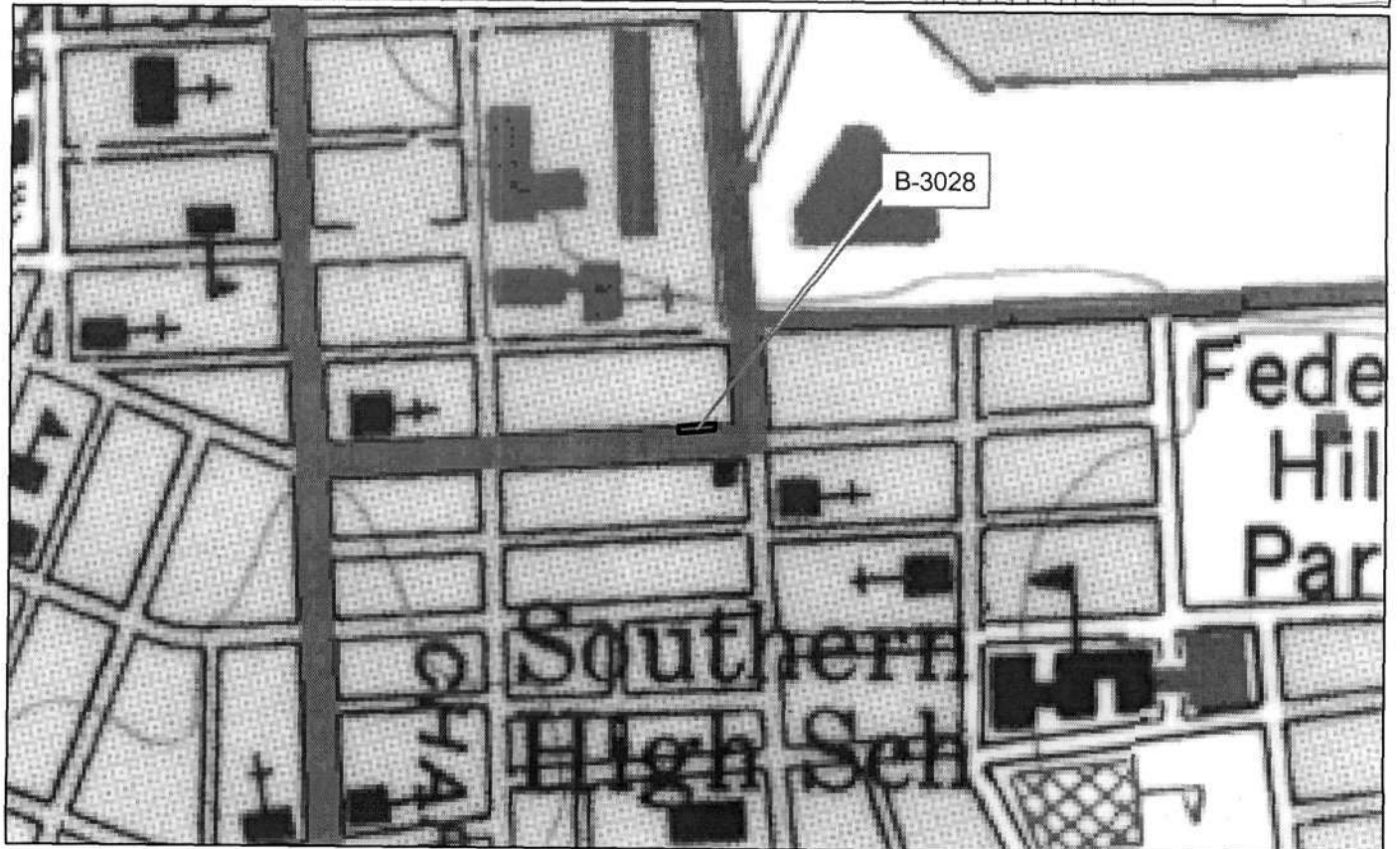
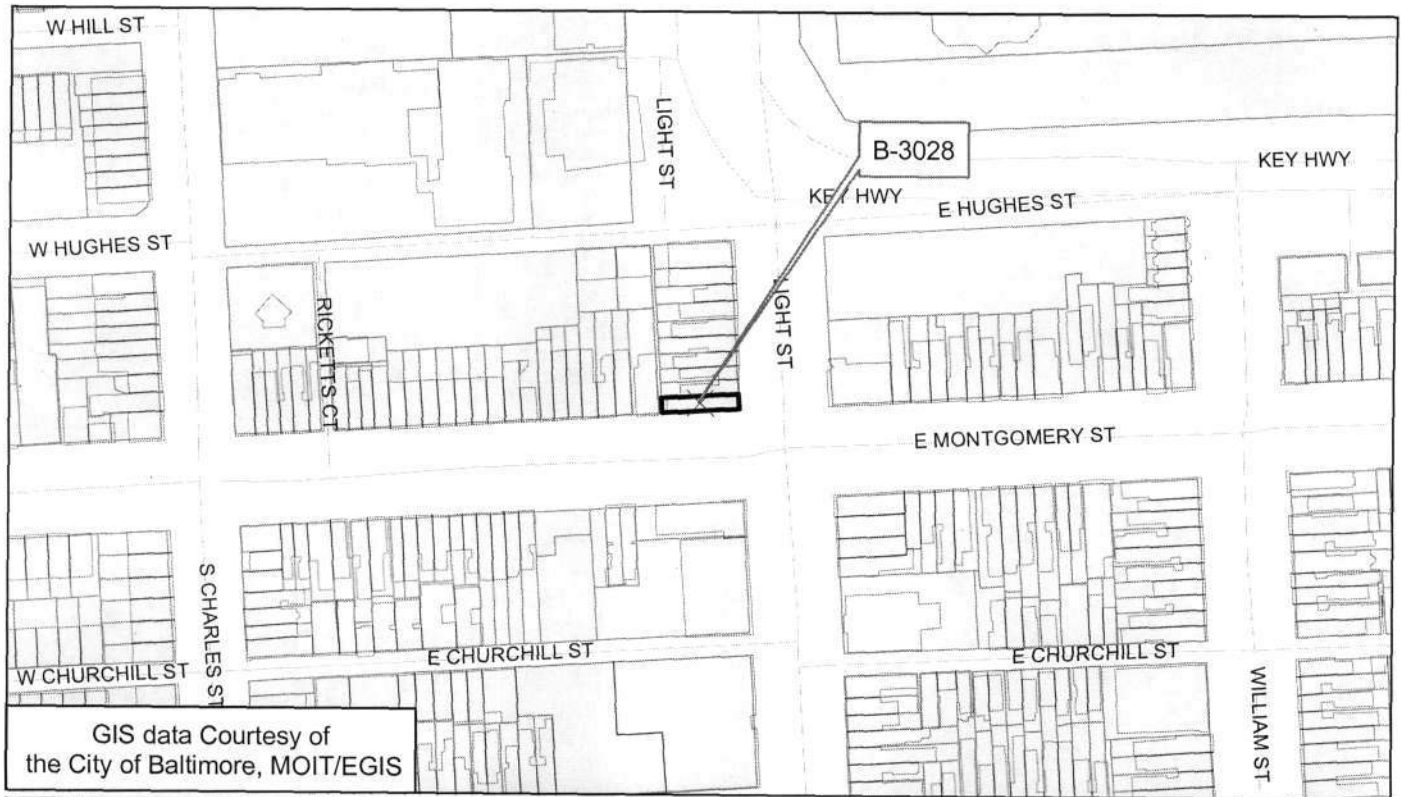
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LIGHT

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740 Light Street  
Block 0896 Lots 001  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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South and East elevations